# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota
## Office of the Governor

***Whereas***, The Bald Eagle was designated as the United States of America's National Emblem on June 20, 1782, by our Country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and,

***Whereas***, The Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes as Freedom, Courage, Strength, Spirit, Justice, Quality, and Excellence; and,

***Whereas***, The Department of Interior and United States Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and,

***Whereas***, The recovery of the United States of America's Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2016, as

## AMERICAN EAGLE DAY

in South Dakota, and I encourage all United States citizens to join us in support of the majestic Bald Eagle's continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our national bird through the annual observance of American Eagle Day.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State